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Concept

Cystic Fibrosis/Pancreas Interest Group

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Overview

The Cystic Fibrosis/Pancreas IG is a group of pediatric Health Care Professionals with an interest in CF and Pancreatic disease from ESPGHAN whose goals are to generate collaborative international research and to provide a leadership role with regards to current diagnosis and management of pancreatic disease including Cystic Fibrosis in children.

The aims of the group are:

1. **Research:** To perform collaborative research of all types as agreed within the group.
2. **Guidelines:** To develop management guidelines and position papers on behalf of ESPGHAN regarding pancreatic disease.
3. **Advocacy:** To provide experts' opinion and advocate on behalf of patients with pancreatic disease when needed.
4. **Education:** To improve medical care for children with pancreatic disease worldwide, by promoting good clinical practice via various educational tools, lectures and publications.

This research collaboration in combination with provision of leadership in international guidelines and other activities requires intense commitment and hard work with restricted timelines. This necessitates opening the group to new collaborators with required expertise, while defining a mechanism to exclude members that are not capable of fulfilling these obligations to ensure keeping the group dynamic and productive.

General

1. Members of the Cystic Fibrosis/Pancreas Group must be members of ESPGHAN.
2. Every member has one vote during ballots (voting for positions, new members, new initiatives etc).
3. Membership requires active participation in group activities.
4. Any member of the Working Group may propose a research project by email and/or frontal presentation during the annual meeting.



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5. The proposal must include the following:
 - a. Subheadings: *background and rationale, hypotheses, aims, explicit methods (design, eligibility criteria, outcomes, power calculation, statistical approach), and importance.*
 - b. The anticipated reporting standard of the final manuscript (e.g. CONSORT, STARD etc- see last clause of this section).
6. Surveys and reviews may be considered as CF/Pancreas group projects.
7. All manuscripts arising from the CF/Pancreas group will have the name of the group in the title (Cystic Fibrosis/Pancreas Working Group of ESPGHAN). Author's list will include as a suffix "on behalf of the CF/Pancreas Working group of ESPGHAN".
8. Research projects should ideally be published in the Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition.

Position papers and guidelines

1. Position papers and guidelines will be established according to ESPGHAN guidance following an open call to all members of the CF/Pancreas Working Group.
2. Selection of members to participate in the projects will be decided (based on merit only) by the Chairperson and secretary of the Group.